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Turkish trade delegation to Baghdad angers U.S. - Finansal  
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Lehman Bros: AKP disillusioned investors - Finansal Forum

#### BRIEFING

Iraq: Ankara has turned down British demands conveyed by  
visiting Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon and deputy Chief of  
Staff Anthony Picott for using Turkish bases and facilities  
in a military action against Iraq, dailies report. Turkish  
officials recalled the dispute between Turkey and Britain  
over Iraqi oil in 1924, and assessed that the nation's  
sensitivity prevented them from allowing Turkish facilities  
to be used by the UK. "Radikal" believes that Hoon was not  
given a clear response, and that TGS told him that the  
decision would be made by the government. "Sabah" says that  
Hoon has asked for transit passage of 10,000 British troops  
to Northern Iraq via Turkey. "Milliyet" claims that UK  
officials urged Ankara to make a decision before January 27,  
warning that if Turkey refuses to join the international  
coalition, its role in restructuring a future Iraq would be  
diminished. Dailies echo U.S. disappointment over Turkey's  
reluctance for cooperation against Iraq. The U.S. is also  
upset about the upcoming Turkish delegation trip to Baghdad,  
and Prime Minister Gul's recent Middle East tour, reports  
say. "Milliyet" quotes Washington sources as complaining  
that compared to Turkey, Arab countries have taken a clearer  
and more positive position on the issue. The same sources  
said that the Congress might react to Turkish non-  
cooperation by blocking financial assistance with Turkey.  
"Vatan" reports a senior State Department official as saying  
that Turkey will be denied a share in Iraq's  
reconstruction, and won't be allowed to continue military  
incursions into Northern Iraq. "Cumhuriyet" says that  
Ankara has presented Washington a list of prospective  
Turkish support in the event of war. The U.S. will be able  
to use Turkish bases and ports, but will not be allowed to  
station large numbers of troops. The 'modus operandi' for

site surveys will be agreed soon, and 150 U.S. experts will begin inspections, according to Cumhuriyet. Meanwhile, Northern Iraqi KDP leader Barzani arrived in Ankara on Wednesday for talks. "Zaman" comments that Turkey's military presence in Northern Iraq was covered extensively by the press, and no international reaction came. Turkey, backed by the U.S. and UK over the issue of Iraq's territorial integrity, is now in a strong position to question Barzani regarding Kurdish intentions for a federal Iraq, and the status of the Turkomen, Zaman reports. "Radikal" claims that the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Richard Myers, will visit Turkey on January 24. Dailies expect Gen. Myers to demand a clear response from Ankara regarding the use of bases and ports, and note that the U.S. sees the Myers visit as the last chance for working out a compromise with Turkey.

Cyprus: Papers report that Turkey has made 'historic' changes to its Cyprus policy by abandoning plans of integration with the Turkish Cypriot sector. AKP's new Cyprus approach has dictated changes at the MFA, according to the reports. An MFA spokesman said on Wednesday that the government will make new arrangements within the framework of negotiations on the UN-sponsored Cyprus plan. Papers report that the Greek Cypriot Administration has welcomed Turkey's declaration of change, and urged rapid implementation. Papers also report Turkish Cypriot leader Denktas as saying that the economic imbalance between Turks and Greeks on the island requires that any agreement on Cyprus should not be implemented before Turkey achieves full EU membership.

TGS Chief slams Gul: Dailies extensively cover TGS Chief General Ozkok's warning to Prime Minister Gul for allegedly 'encouraging fundamentalists.' Papers say that the military is responding to Gul's stated objections to the TGS decision to expel fundamentalist officers from the army at the High Military Council (YAS) meetings in December. Prime Minister Gul and Defense Minister Gonul have signed the YAS decision to expel fundamentalist officers, with a protest note claiming that decisions taken by the military council should be open for appeal in the courts.

Plane crash: A Turkish Airlines (THY) RJ-100 passenger plane crashed while trying to land in Diyarbakir airport in thick fog, killing 75 of the 80 passengers and crew on board. Reports see the reason for the crash as the lack of Instrument Landing System (ILS) equipment in Diyarbakir. Such equipment enables planes to land in unsuitable weather conditions.

#### EDITORIAL OPINION: Iraq

"US implicitly threatens Turkey"  
Yasemin Congar wrote from Washington in mass appeal "Milliyet" (1/9): "Turkey's decision to wait for the UN report before determining the extent of its cooperation with the US has caused a potential problem between the two countries. Washington is disappointed both in Ankara's current Iraq policy as well as the decision to send a Turkish trade delegation headed by State Minister Tuzmen to Baghdad. Officials in Washington note that this disappointment could be reflected when Congress takes up the issues of economic, military, and commercial aid to Turkey. A US diplomatic source warns that 'the degree of US cooperation with the Arab world seems to be becoming more significant than with Turkey.' . Sources close to the Washington administration comment that due to Ankara's reservations and 'wait-and-see' attitude, the goal of creating a deterrent show of force against Iraq has not been achieved. It seems that the visit of General Myers to Ankara will play a determining factor for Washington in deciding whether or not to include the northern front in the war scenario."

"What kind of policy?"  
Sami Kohen criticized in mass appeal Milliyet (1/9): "It is quite possible to believe that the AKP government does not have an Iraq policy. There are many conflicting statements from various official bodies, and it is mind-boggling to try to figure out which is the real policy. . On the other hand, we should also see that developments related to Iraq have caught the government in a helpless position. The 'great advantage' of Turkey, its geo-strategic location, has now become a painful liability for Ankara. Because of Turkey's location and political ties, as well as its current economic situation, it is not possible to define Turkey's role with a 'yes-or-no' kind of clarity. Thus Ankara is trying to shape its policy based on developments, keeping its options open and maintaining flexibility. . Turkish officials note that

Ankara does not want to hurry, but that the plan for a front in northern Iraq will be taken into consideration `when the time comes.' Reacting to Washington's complaints about Turkey's position, one Turkish official said that the problem stems from the definition of time limits. Ankara wants to shape things in the course of time, while Washington is asking for an immediate answer."

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